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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are presented for examination.

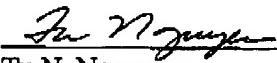
Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), claims 1, 2, 7-17, and 22-26 are rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,705,628 (Hawkins) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,448,092 (Tuunanen); and claims 1-6, 9, 13, 14, and 18-21 are rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,454,234 (Czerlinski) in view of Tuunanen.

Applicants have amended the specification to claim the benefit of the filing date of Tuunanen, thereby removing Tuunanen as prior art. Attached is an unsigned Declaration showing the benefit claim. Applicants will file an executed Declaration in due course. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn, and submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time with authorization to charge the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PURIFICATION PROCESS USING MAGNETIC PARTICLES, the specification of which:

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on December 21, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/646,204 and was amended on April 3, 2003.
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
6,448,092	January 21, 2000	Issued
6,207,463	June 3, 1997	Issued
PCT FI00/00031	January 18, 2000	
PCT FI95/00577	October 20, 1995	

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
Finland	990082	January 18, 1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Finland	944937	October 20, 1994	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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